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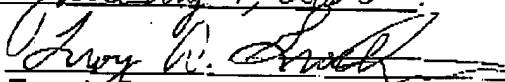
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Serial No.: 10/677,422

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Title: ANTIMICROBIAL TERNARY  
SURFACTANT BLEND  
COMPRISING CATIONIC, ANIONIC  
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This paper is submitted as an inquiry as to the status of the application identified above.

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Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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